Construction of Houses by HUDCO

1599. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some years ago, HUDCO had taken up the construction of 800 housing units in the Mehrauli-Badarpur Road area ;

(b) whether the HUDCO houses are still incomplete and not fit for habitation ;

(c) whether the Chief Managing Director, HUDCO, had requested their Ministry to get the defective houses completed through the agency of CPWD ; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to improve the performance of HUDCO ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Housing & Urban Devlopment Corporation (HUDCO) took up the construction of 875 housing units in the area in question.

(b) and (c) The work was delayed due to various reasons and problems encountered during the execution of works, such as, indadequate and erratic supply of cement, abandoning the works by the contractors and subsequent litigations, etc. Substantial part of the works has been completed and the project is now being executed by the CPWD.

(d) HUDCO is primarily a financing and planning organisation and is not normally to undertake construction work.

Report of CVC on Consultancy Contracts to Private Architects

1600. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) had in their Annual Report for the year 1982 brought out several irregularities that had occurred in the consultancy contracts given to private architects by HUDCO ;

(b) whether the CVC had recommended that scrutiny of tenders and execution of works be entrusted to established Engineering Departments such as the Central Public Works Department (CPWD);

(c) whether the Chief Managing Director HUDCO, has been officially propagating that the Central Public Works Department should entrust architectural planning to private consultants on a turn-key basis and on higher fees, which is against the recommendation of the CVC ; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has made certain suggestions in this regard . These require detailed examination.

Filling up of Vacancies of LDCs from Group D Posts

1601. SHRI F. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 88 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 1986 and state :

(a) the number of times departmental examinations have been conducted to fill up the vacancies in the cadre of LDCs from Group 'D' posts since 1982 in the Directorate General, Doordarshan ;